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In re Patent Application of: Bruce A. Hotton et al

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Entitled: COMBUSTION AIR SHUTOFF APPARATUS FOR
A FUEL-FIRED HEATING APPLIANCE (As Amended)

Prior Group Art Unit: 3749

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RULE 53(b) TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir: This is a request for filing a

() Continuation

(**XX**) Divisional application, under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending
prior application Serial No. 10/200,234, filed on July 22, 2002 of Gordon W.
Stretch et al entitled "Fuel-Fired Heating Appliance With Combustion Air
Shutoff System Having Frangible Temperature Sensing Structure".

1. (**XX**) Enclosed are 42 pages of specification, including claims, 11
sheets of drawings (FIGS. 1-25), copies of the declarations filed
in the prior application, and an Information disclosure
statement.

The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of claims as filed in the prior application, less any claims cancelled by amendment listed below, plus any claims added by any preliminary amendment listed below:

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6. (XX) Cancel in this application original claims 1-29 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
7. () Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a () continuation, () division, of application Serial No. _____, filed _____, such prior application being incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--
8. () Transfer the formal drawings previously filed in the prior application to this application.
- () New formal drawings are enclosed.
9. () Please abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May only be used if signed by person authorized by 37 CFR 1.138 and before payment of the base issue fee.)
10. (XX) The prior application is assigned of record to The Water Heater Industry Joint Research and Development Consortium.
11. (XX) Power of attorney in the prior application was given to J. Richard Konneker, Registration No. 28,867 and Marlin R. Smith, Registration No. 38,310.

- (XX) The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- () Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- 12. (XX) A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

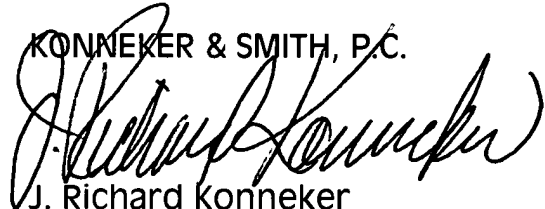
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